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Lend your voice to our Legislative process! This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the Howard County Council and Maryland General Assembly which includes legislation sponsored by our Howard County Delegation and other bills related to Howard County citizens.

To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information. The County Council welcomes you to submit testimony on legislation we are considering. To do so, please email us at councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. You may join us during our one of our upcoming public hearings, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month. To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#). The Howard County Delegation also hosts public hearings and welcomes your testimony. To testify, email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.



Legislative
Update

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

CB30-2017

Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa and Jon Weinstein

AN ACT establishing a voluntary Citizens' Election Fund system for candidates for County Executive or County Council; regulating specified campaign finance activities of a candidate who accepts public funding; providing for the administration and enforcement of specified aspects of the Citizens' Election Fund system; providing certain penalties for violations of the Citizens' Election Fund system; creating a Citizens' Election Fund Commission and specifying its composition and duties; requiring the Director of Finance to take specified actions; and generally related to elections for County offices.





Howard County Council Legislation

Unless otherwise noted, the following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.

PREFILED LEGISLATION

All prefiled legislation scheduled to be introduced at this month's legislative session can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

APPOINTMENTS

[CR36-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shivani K. Aghera to the Human Rights Commission.

[CR37-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hector J. Garcia, Jr. to the Human Rights Commission.

[CR38-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Savannah A. Kaiss to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

[CR39-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tina Kwon Melton to the Planning Board.

[CR40-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sue Song to the Commission on Aging.

[CR41-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jennifer H. Asher to the Commission on Aging.

[CR42-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Peter J. Brunner to the Commission on Aging.

[CR43-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Karen Greenfield to the Board of Electrical

[CR44-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Julia Mattis to the Commission on Aging.

[CR45-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Marshall McLeod to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.

[CR46-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of M. Eletta Morse to the Commission on Aging.

[CR47-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Rev. Rodney T. Morton to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

[CR48-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jason Quan to the Public Transportation Board.

[CR49-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Tracy Snyder to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

[CR50-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cory J. Summerson to the Public Works Board.

[CR51-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Daniel E. Tracy, Jr. to the Recreation and

GENERAL

CB25-2017**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT making a technical amendment to PlanHoward 2030, the general plan for Howard County, correcting a chart to correspond to an amendment that was passed to PlanHoward2030; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

CB26-2017**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT requiring a permit for the installation of certain wireless facilities on public street lights; defining certain terms; amending certain definitions; requiring certain information in support of an application for a permit; requiring certain agreements; requiring that certain agreements include fair compensation; providing for the review of applications; authorizing certain fees; and generally related to public rights-of-way in Howard County.

CB27-2017**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT approving, in accordance with Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, a Seventh Amendment to Agreement of Lease for the portion of the building consisting of approximately 5,728 square feet located at 3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland by and between Executive Center LLC, a Maryland limited liability company; authorizing the County Executive to make changes to the Amendment, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and generally relating to the Amendment.

CB28-2017 (ZRA 174)**Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to define Cottage Food Business and allow Cottage Food Business as a Home Occupation; and generally relating to Cottage Food Businesses.

CB29-2017 (ZRA 176)**Introduced by: Greg Fox and Mary Kay Sigaty**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to remove the Business Rural Crossroads (BRX) zoning district; and generally relating to BRX district.

CR35-2017**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the Meadowlark, LLC**

A RESOLUTION to close a portion of Forest Avenue, as shown in Exhibits A and B, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code.

CR52-2017**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County's Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program fund.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Legislation below is currently pending and under consideration by the County Council. Action will be taken at the next Legislative Session. More details can be found [online](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CR29-2017**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Erica B. Byrne to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

CR32-2017**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Caroline Harper to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

CR30-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brian M. Dillard to the Public Transportation Board.

CR33-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jonah Hornum to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

CR31-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ayesha Bajwa Holmes to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

GENERAL

SAO3-FY2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$600,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for a grant to assist in improving enhanced nutrient removal performance levels.

TAO3-FY2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring a total of \$3,445,000 to Capital Project C0309, Land Acquisition Contingency Reserve, from various capital projects in the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Budget including C0351, Harriet Tubman Remediation, C0352, Site Acquisition for School Sites, and F5973, Logistics Facility.

CB18-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money an additional aggregate principal amount of up to \$945,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of various capital projects, more particularly described in the County's 2017 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

CB19-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 20.56 acres of agricultural land located at 1401

CB20-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation; amending the duties of the Office of Transportation; amending the general powers and duties of members of the Public Transportation Board; adding the Office of Transportation to agencies serving on the Subdivision Review Committee; and generally relating to the Office of Transportation.

CB21-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Jon Weinstein

AN ACT repealing certain County licenses and inspections related to massage; defining certain terms; allowing certain entry into massage establishments; authorizing the right to request certain authorization; providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to massage establishments in Howard County.

CB22-2017 (ZRA 175)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT exempting farms in the Rural Conservation Zoning District and farms 20 acres or larger in the Rural Residential Zoning District from Animal Shelter and Riding Academy and Stable setback requirements from dwellings on future new residential lots; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

CB23-2017

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty and Cosponsored by Calvin Ball and Jon Weinstein

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to clarify that parcels may be eligible for the County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program notwithstanding the effect of the Growth Tier designation of the parcel on the County's General Plan; and generally relating to the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

Woodbine Road, Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Sharon Sachs or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$536,500.00 or, if less, not more than \$26,093.60 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

CB24-2017

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Greg Fox

AN ACT requiring that any on-site sewage disposal system installed within a major subdivision in the Rural Conservation (RC) zoning district utilize Best Available Technology for Nitrogen removal; and generally relating to on-site sewage disposal systems.

CR34-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Commerce for two economic development projects in Howard County and certifying that the projects are consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

TABLED

CR21-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jean Xu to the Public Ethics Commission. (tabled 3/6/17)

CR1-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of Windsor Forest Fox Chasing HOA, Inc. and Gaither Hunt Homeowners Association, Inc.

A RESOLUTION to close all of Winter Thicket Road, as shown in Exhibits A and B, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code. (tabled 2/6/17)

CR104-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive's sale of certain real property known as the "Flier Building" owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use. (tabled 7/29/16)

CR179-2016

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION calling on the Maryland State Department of Education to contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public School System and specifying the issues requested to be studied. (tabled 12/05/16)

PRIOR LEGISLATION

All legislation voted on during the previous month can be found online using the legislative search tool by clicking [here](#).

CB10-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017

CB15-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT further stating the purpose of the Howard County Right-To-Farm Act;

in order to correct certain Department of Housing and Community Development funds that were mistakenly appropriated to the Grants Fund instead of the Program Revenue Fund; to correct certain Department of Planning and Zoning debt service appropriation in the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund mistakenly reduced by certain revenue sources; to increase the Water and Sewer Grants Fund appropriation in the Department of Public Works in order to have sufficient spending authority for an unanticipated grant received by the County; to reduce the Grants Fund for the Department of Housing and Community Development by \$550,000 and amend the total Grants Fund accordingly; to add a total of \$550,000 to the Program Revenue Fund of the Department of Housing and Community Development and amend the total Program Revenue Fund accordingly; to add a total of \$6,608,200 to the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund for the Department of Planning and Zoning and amend the total Agricultural Land Preservation Fund accordingly; and generally relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017.

Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

CB11-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement between Howard County and SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp. for financing the acquisition of seven new buses to be used as part of the Regional Transit Agency's fixed-route fleet; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

CB12-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Lease Agreement between the County and KSM Timbers, LLC, for the operation and maintenance of the Timbers at Troy Golf Course; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

Final Action: Withdrawn

CB13-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Seventh Amendment and Renewal of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Symphony

recommending certain legal fees under certain conditions; and generally related to the Howard county Right-To-Farm Act.

Final Action: Passed (as amended)

CB16-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and cosponsored by Greg Fox

AN ACT amending PlanHoward 2030, the general plan for Howard County, in order to amend Growth Tiers, as required by the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012; revising certain maps to reflect changes in Growth Tiers; amending text to describe Growth Tiers; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

Final Action: Failed

CR18-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jessica Obiageli Epps to the Commission for Women.

Final Action: Passed

CR19-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board.

Final Action: Passed

CR20-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kimberly Salazar to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Final Action: Passed

CR25-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 7,930 square feet of real property owned by Howard County, Maryland known as a portion of Governors Run Open Space Lot 130 is no longer needed for a public purpose in exchange for the conveyance to the County of 13,000 square feet of land to be designated as Open Space; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to the owner of the adjacent property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action: Passed

CR26-2017

Woods, LLC, for the lease of approximately 1,653 square feet of space located at 5950 Symphony Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland during a multi-year renewal term; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Amendment, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and generally relating to the Amendment.

Final Action: Passed

CB14-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Planned and Scheduled Maintenance Agreement between Nixon Power Services, LLC d/b/a Nixon Energy Solutions and Howard County, Maryland that requires certain indemnification in future fiscal years.

Final Action: Passed

CR22-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mickey Day to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Final Action: Passed

CR23-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elaine R. Ritchey to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action: Passed

CR24-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paula M. Schultz to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action: Passed

CR2-2017

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kenneth M. Barnes to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Final Action: Passed

CR7-2017

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie P. Salgado-Tamayo to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

Final Action: Passed

CR171-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John F. Tenerowicz to the Board to Promote

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201(a) of the Howard County Code, declaring that a portion of a 20-foot Water Easement and a 20-foot Sewer Easement, comprising a total of approximately 0.2773 acres, is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the underlying property owner, the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to abandon such portion of the easement if he finds that such portion of the easement may have a further public use.

Final Action: Passed

CR27-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION indicating support by both the County Council and County Executive for a project to finance and construct a new courthouse.

Final Action: Passed (as amended)

SAO2-FY2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$600,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Planning and Zoning for the Strategic Demolition Fund Grant and the Façade Improvement Program Grant, both to be awarded from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; and amending the General Fund total for the Department of Planning and Zoning in order to have sufficient spending authority to fund a General Fund match requirement for the Strategic Demolition Fund Grant.

Final Action: Passed (as amended)

CR22-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mickey Day to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Final Action: Passed

CR23-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elaine R. Ritchey to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action: Passed

CR24-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paula M. Schultz to the Animal Matters Hearing Board

The Process

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

Upcoming Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD. The next meetings are as follows:

- **Monday, March 27, 2017** at 4:30 p.m.; Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room)
- **Monday, March 28, 2017** at 8:30 a.m.; Quarterly Meeting with Board of Education (C. Vernon Gray Room)
- **Monday, April 3, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.; Legislative Session
- **Monday, April 6, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.; Public Hearing on Capital Budget
- **Monday, April 10, 2017** at 8:30 a.m.; Monthly Meeting (C. Vernon Gray Room)

Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



Howard County Delegation Sponsored Legislation

Legislation in this section are bills sponsored by the Howard County Delegation while the Maryland General Assembly is in session. For details on legislation passed during the 2017 session, go [online](#) or contact **Erinn Camp Mansour** at **410-841-3360** or email **hoc1@mlis.state.md.us**.

The Howard County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly held a public hearing February 22, 2017, for citizen input on statewide issues that may be considered by the legislature during the current legislative session. The Delegation heard testimony from members of the public on statewide issues. You can continue tracking legislation of interest on the [Maryland General Assembly \(MGA\) website](#) throughout the legislative session. The MGA website includes information about hearing schedules and rules pertaining to giving your testimony to the assigned committees, if you are interested.

[HB0678](#) / [SB75](#) - Creation of a State Debt **[HB0242](#) - Vehicle Laws - Use of Handheld Telephone While Driving - Penalty**
- Howard County - Chrysalis Pavilion in Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods
Ho. Co. 1-17
By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
By: Delegate Turner

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Inner Arbor Trust, Inc. for

Providing for a maximum fine of \$500 for a violation of specified prohibitions against using a handheld telephone while driving a motor vehicle; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.

HB0422 / SB0330 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Carrollton Hall Restoration Ho. Co. 2-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Carrollton Hall, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House -Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.

HB0407 / SB0329 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - The Arc of Howard County HVAC System Replacement Ho. Co. 3-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House -Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.; In Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.

HB0421 / SB0339 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - PHILLIPS School Commercial Kitchen Ho. Co. 4-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of PHILLIPS Programs Incorporated for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for

HB0741 - Election Law - Automatic Voter Registration

By: Delegate Turner

Redesignating electronic voter registration agencies as automatic voter registration agencies; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to inform an applicant completing an applicable transaction that the applicant shall be registered to vote or shall have a voter registration record updated unless the applicant declines to register to vote or update a voter registration record or is determined not to be eligible to register to vote; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.

HB1083 / SB1081 - Health - Family Planning Services - Continuity of Care

By: Delegate Pendergrass

Establishing the Family Planning Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ensure the continuity of family planning services in the State; requiring the Program to provide family planning services to specified individuals through specified providers; authorizing the Program to adopt specified regulations; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to ensure access to and continuity of services provided by specified family planning providers in a specified manner; etc.

Update: In the House - Favorable Report by Budget and Taxation; In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Budget and Taxation

HB0598 - Counties and Municipal Corporations - "Sanctuary Laws" for Illegal Aliens - Prohibition

By: Delegate Miller, W.

Requiring local governments to fully comply with and support federal immigration law; prohibiting local governments from restricting specified individuals from requesting, obtaining, sending, receiving, or maintaining specified immigration information; requiring local governments to implement specified requirements and obligations in a manner that is consistent with federal immigration law and protects civil rights; etc.

Update: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

HB0011 - Vehicle Laws - Causing Diesel Emissions to Discharge Onto Another - Prohibition

By: Delegate Lam

Prohibiting a person from causing a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit clearly visible smoke, soot, or other exhaust emissions onto another person or motor vehicle; and providing for the application of the Act.

Update: In the Senate - Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0051 - Vehicle Laws - Electric

disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.

[HB0423](#) / [SB0333](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - ManneqART Museum and Maryland Fashion Institute Ho. Co. 5-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$333,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of ManneqART, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House -Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.

[HB0391](#) / [SB0331](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Harriet Tubman Community Center and Museum Ho. Co. 6-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House -Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.

[HB419](#) / [SB0332](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Ellicott City Area Flood Mitigation Ho. Co. 7-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure

Personal Assistive Mobility Device -

Definition

By: Delegate Lam

Altering the definition of "electric personal assistive mobility device" to require that the device have a specified steering mechanism and a specified platform on which the rider stands.

Update: In the Senate - Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

[HB1113](#) / [SB0988](#) - Health Occupations - Maryland Community Health Worker Act

By: Delegate Lam

Establishing the State Board of Community Health Workers; specifying the purpose and composition of the Board; specifying the terms of a Board member; requiring the Governor to appoint a new member, within a specified time period, if a vacancy on the Board occurs; authorizing the Governor to remove a member of the Board under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to serve as the chair of the Board; requiring the Board to elect specified officers from among its members; etc.

Update: In the House - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

[HB0827](#) - Public Safety - Secretary of State Police - Temporary Firearms Training Waiver

By: Delegate Kittleman

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police, on making a specified determination concerning an applicant for a specified handgun permit, to temporarily waive a requirement to complete a specified firearms training course; and requiring an applicant issued a specified permit to complete a firearms training course within 60 days after the issuance of the permit.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.

[HB0955](#) - Family Law - Age of Majority - Jurisdiction of Court

By: Delegate Hill

Providing that an equity court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of awarding child support, in accordance with the child support guidelines, for a child who has attained the age of 18 years and who is enrolled in secondary school; providing that an equity court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of awarding child support for a child who has attained the age of 18 years and who is enrolled in an institution of postsecondary education; etc.

Update: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

[HB0966](#) - Legislative and Congressional Districting

By: Delegate Hill

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of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House -Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.

HB0572 - Howard County - Property Tax Credit for Commercial Real Property - Flood Damage**Ho. Co. 9-17**

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on commercial real property that the governing body determines has suffered certain damage caused by flood conditions; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to specify the amount and duration of the credit and to provide for the implementation and administration of the credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Howard County for certain flood damage to commercial real property.

Update: Delegation passed with emergency amendment; In the House - Favorable Report by Budget and Taxation

HB0566 - Howard County - Property Tax - Exemption for Personal Property of Business Located in Historic District**Ho. Co. 10-17**

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to exempt certain personal property from the Howard County property tax under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a certain property tax exemption in Howard County.

Status: Delegation passed with amendments; In the House - First Reading Budget and Taxation

HB1604 - Howard County - Transfer Tax Exemption and Rate Reduction - Law Enforcement Officers**Ho. Co. 17-17**

By: Senator Bates
FOR the purpose of exempting from the Howard County transfer tax the sale of residential real property to certain law enforcement officers under certain circumstances; establishing the maximum Howard County transfer tax rate applied to the sale of residential real property to certain law enforcement officers under certain circumstances; establishing certain qualifications for the transfer tax exemption or rate reduction; providing for the recapture of the transfer tax exempted or reduced under this Act under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the transfer tax in Howard County.

Status: First Reading Budget and Taxation

HB1516 / SB0750 - Public Health - Health

Redistricting and Apportionment Commission; requiring the Commission to divide the State to create specified General Assembly districts; providing for the membership, qualifications, and duties of the Commission; specifying requirements for the adoption of redistricting plans; establishing the Commission to Study Congressional Districting; requiring the Commission to Study Congressional Districting to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.

HB1044 / SB0992 - Oncologists - Dispensing and Insurance Coverage of Orally Administered Cancer Chemotherapy

By: Delegate Hill

Exempting a specified physician from the prohibition on dispensing specified prescriptions when the physician has a substantial financial interest in a pharmacy under specified circumstances; authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a specified physician in the same group practice; exempting specified associations that include an oncologist from the prohibition on associating as a partner, a co-owner, or an employee of a specified pharmacy; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

HB1033 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Discharged Student Loan Debt

By: Delegate Flanagan

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified income of specified individuals resulting from the discharge of student loan debt; providing that the amount of the subtraction modification may not exceed \$50,000 for an individual or \$100,000 for a married couple filing jointly; requiring an individual to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; prohibiting an individual from claiming the subtraction modification under specified circumstances; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.

HB1388 - Sexual Crimes - Video Games - Prohibited Conduct and Warnings to Game Developers

By: Delegate Flanagan

Prohibiting a person who has been convicted of a specified sexual crime involving a child from using a specified type of game; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to post a warning on its Web site urging computer program developers to avoid designing computer programs that may place children at risk of

Record and Payment Clearing House - Pilot Program

By: Delegate Hill

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, on or before December 31, 2017, to research and evaluate public and private health record and payment clearing houses, develop standards, determine specified information, and report its recommendations and funding requests to the General Assembly; requiring the Commission to establish for use in a pilot program a health record and payment clearing house on or before January 1, 2019; specifying the capabilities of the proposed health records and payment clearing house; etc.

Update: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn; In the Senate - Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m.

HB1522 - Needs Assessment for Student School Based Behavioral Health Counseling Services Throughout the Year

By: Delegate Hill

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland State Department of Education to conduct a needs assessment for student school-based behavioral health counseling services throughout the school year; and requiring the assessment to contain specified matters.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.

HB1310 - Education - Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program

By: Delegate Ebersole

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish the Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program on or before July 1, 2018; specifying the purpose of the Program; specifying qualifications and application procedures for a certificate; requiring the Department to issue a certificate to any applicant who meets specified requirements; authorizing an applicant to petition for judicial review of a decision of the Department that relates to issuing or renewing a certificate; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

HB1057 - Family Law - Domestic Violence - Permanent Final Protective Orders

By: Delegate Atterbeary

Adding the crime of kidnapping to the list of crimes, the commission of which subjects an individual to the issuance of a permanent final protective order against the individual under specified circumstances; and expanding the circumstances under which a court is required to issue a specified permanent final protective order.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at

being in proximity to registrants; etc.

Update: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

HB1520 / SB1056 - Vehicle Laws - Personal Motor Vehicle Rentals

By: Delegate Flanagan

Establishing provisions of law governing the rental of personal motor vehicles to other persons in a specified manner; establishing that specified persons may rent only specified classes of personal motor vehicles to other persons; prohibiting a renter of a personal motor vehicle from using the motor vehicle for specified purposes; prohibiting a person from renting a personal motor vehicle to another person unless the motor vehicle is covered by specified security; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. ; In the Senate - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0898 - Election Law - Campaign Finance - Coordinated Expenditures

By: Delegate Ebersole

Prohibiting a person from making a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits or making a donation to a person for the purpose of furthering a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; prohibiting a candidate or political party from being the beneficiary of a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; providing that a person may not be considered to have made a coordinated expenditure solely on specified grounds; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/30 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0971 / SB0872 - James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program

By: Delegate Ebersole

Establishing the James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to be administered jointly by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Department of Disabilities, and the Developmental Disabilities Administration; providing for the duties of the Commission, the Department, and the Administration under the Program; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$250,000 in the annual budget bill in fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021; etc.

Update: In the House - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; In the Senate - Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

SB0665 / HB0913 - Attorney General - Powers - Maryland Defense Act of 2017

By: Senator Kasemeyer

Authorizing the Attorney General to take specified actions regarding civil and criminal suits and actions that are based on the federal government's action or inaction that threatens

1:00 p.m.

HB1424 / SB0727 - Criminal Procedure - Firearms - Transfer

By: Delegate Atterbeary

Requiring a court to inform a person convicted of a specified disqualifying crime that the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under specified provisions of law; requiring the court to advise the person that specified proof must be provided to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services that specified firearms owned by the person or in the person's possession have been transferred from the person's possession; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0677 - Howard County - Noise Control - Outdoor Concert Venues Ho. Co. 18-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of clarifying a certain limitation concerning the electronic amplification of sound at an outdoor concert venue with a certain capacity in Howard County; specifying the point from which certain measurements should be taken concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue; specifying that certain limitations concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue apply even if a satellite stage is used for an event at the venue; and generally relating to noise control at a certain outdoor concert venue in Howard County.

Update: Delegation passed with amendments; In the House - Hearing 3/30 at 1:00 p.m.

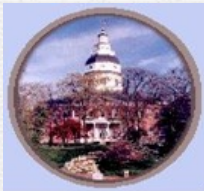
the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State; requiring the Attorney General, to provide the Governor with specified notice and an opportunity to review and comment on specified suits and actions; requiring the Governor to provide \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 and thereafter to carry out the specified provisions and to employ five attorneys; etc.
Update: In the House -Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation

SB0734 / HB1209 - Sexual Assault Victims Resources Act of 2017

By: Senator Kasemeyer

Expanding the services to be provided by specified sexual assault crisis programs; specifying criteria for receiving specified grant funding; requiring the Governor to include \$3,000,000 each fiscal year in the State budget; providing for the allocation of specified grant money; stating specified findings of the General Assembly; establishing the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee; requiring Attorney General to adopt specified regulations in consultation with the Committee; etc.

Update: In the House - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation); In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules



General Assembly of Maryland - HC Delegation Leadership

I'd like to personally thank all our state legislators as they begin their work in Annapolis, representing our great state and county. A special congratulations to those undertaking new leadership roles, joining new committees and/or subcommittees as well as those who continue to serve in their current position. We thank you for lending your passion and expertise to our legislative process. Below you will find membership information.

Senator Guy Guzzone

Co-Chair, Howard County Delegation

Majority Whip

Budget and Taxation Committee

Chair, Pensions Subcommittee

Health and Human Services Subcommittee

Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR)

Joint Audit Committee

Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary

Co-Chair, Howard County Delegation

Judiciary Committee

Chair, Family Law Subcommittee

Juvenile Law Subcommittee

Delegate Shane Pendergrass

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
Rules and Executive Nominations
Legislative Policy Committee
Chair, Death with Dignity Workgroup
Joint Oversight Committee on Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Delegate Frank Turner

Rules and Executive Nominations
Vice Chair, Ways and Means
Chair, Election Law Subcommittee
Chair, Vice Chairs Subcommittee

Senator Ed Kasemeyer

Chair, Budget and Taxation
Executive Nominations
Rules Committee
Legislative Policy Committee
Management Subcommittee
Spending Affordability Committee
Joint Oversight Committee on Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Delegate Eric Ebersole

Ways and Means Committee
Education Subcommittee
Finance Resources Subcommittee
Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families

Delegate Dr. Terri Hill

Health and Government Operations Committee
Insurance Subcommittee
Death with Dignity Workgroup

Delegate Dr. Clarence Lam

Appropriations Committee
Oversight Committee on Pensions

Senator Gail Bates

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Comptroller Issues Subcommittee
Health Subcommittee
Joint Audit Committee
Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families
Joint Committee on Protocol

Delegate Robert Flanagan

Regional Revitalization Workgroup
Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR)

Delegate Trent Kittleman

Judiciary Committee
Civil Law and Procedure Subcommittee

Delegate Warren Miller

Economic Matters Committee
Property and Causality Insurance Subcommittee
Public Utilities Subcommittee
Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee
Rules and Executive Nominations
Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology
Joint Committee on Legislative Information Technology and Open Government



General Assembly Highlighted Legislation

The General Assembly will conclude on **April 10, 2017**. This past Monday, **March 20th** was the 69th day of session, also known as the Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date. Each Chamber was required to send to the other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably. Opposite Chamber bills received after that date are subject to referral to Rules Committees. **April 3rd** (or the 83rd Day of session) - Budget bill is to be passed by both Chambers. Full text on all legislation being considered during the General Assembly's 437th session, can be accessed via website by clicking [here](#).

HB0303 / SB0854

Departmental Secretaries - Campaign

HB0590 / SB0609

State Board of Education - Membership -

and Working Hour Activities**By: Delegate Turner**

Prohibiting a secretary of a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government from soliciting, accepting, transmitting, or depositing in a campaign account contributions or donations for the benefit of a candidate or political party; prohibiting a secretary from being a candidate for a public elective office while serving as secretary; authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose a civil penalty on specified entities as a result of a violation of this Act; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0455 / SB0790**Criminal Law - Animal Cruelty - Applicability****By: Delegate Atterbeary**

Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals.

Status: In the House - First Reading Judicial Proceedings; In the Senate - Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0484 / SB0861**Family Law - Marriage - Age Requirements****By: Delegate Atterbeary**

Prohibiting, subject to a specified exception, an individual under the age of 18 from marrying; and authorizing an individual 16 or 17 years old to marry under specified circumstances.

Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn; In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Judicial Proceedings

HB0516 / SB0581**Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds****By: Delegate Atterbeary**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters and to report its findings to the Commission on

Teachers and Parents**By: Delegate Ebersole**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to add three members who are certified teachers and two who are parents of students enrolled in public schools; requiring the Governor to appoint specified parent members with the advice and consent of the Senate from a specified list submitted to the Governor by the Maryland PTA; requiring the Department to provide notice of a specified vacancy to the Maryland PTA; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0023 SB0341**Vehicle Laws - School Vehicles - Definition****By: Delegate Lam**

Altering the definition of "school vehicle" to include specified vehicles that meet or comply with specified standards and requirements, were originally titled and used to transport children, students, and teachers in another state, comply with the regulations on transporting children enrolled in the federally funded Head Start Program, and are used only for transporting children to and from a Head Start program.

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings, Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0616 SB0232**Education - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Attendance Policy****By: Delegate Atterbeary**

Specifying that a student's absence from school due to the student's pregnancy or parenting needs is a lawful absence; requiring each county board of education to develop a written attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students that meets specified requirements; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0066**Environment - Lead and Mercury Wheel Weights - Prohibited****By: Delegate Lam**

Prohibiting specified persons from using, allowing to be used, or selling lead or mercury wheel weights after specified dates; requiring the State to ensure that no vehicle in the State fleet is equipped with an externally attached lead wheel weight that is composed of greater than 0.1% lead by weight or greater than 0.1% mercury by weight after January 1, 2019; and providing for the enforcement of the Act, including the required issuance of a warning for an initial violation.

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0216 SB0269**Emergency Veterinary Care - Immunity**

Innovation and Excellence in Education by September 1, 2017; etc.
Status: In the Senate - Returned Passed, Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0579

Circuit Court Judges - Election, Qualifications, and Term of Office

By: Delegate Hill

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; requiring an appointment of a circuit court judge to be subject to Senate confirmation; providing for a retention election following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 years to 10 years; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)

HB0581 / SB0633

Maryland Medical Practice Act - Individuals Exempt From Licensure - Repeal of Criminal History Records Check Requirement

By: Delegate Hill

Repealing the requirement that, in order to practice medicine without a license while performing specified duties, a medical student or an individual in a postgraduate medical training program approved by the State Board of Physicians must submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with a specified provision of law; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn

From Liability

By: Delegate Lam

Providing that prohibitions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to emergency veterinary care for which a person may not be held civilly liable; providing immunity from civil liability for specified people providing emergency veterinary aid, care, or assistance to an animal where the owner or custodian is not available to grant permission under specified circumstances; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

SB0257 HB0267

Program Open Space - Authorized Transfer to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund Increase

By: Senator Kasemeyer

Increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 the maximum amount that may be transferred, in the State budget or through a specified budget amendment process, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund from funds that are distributed to Program Open Space.

Status: In the House - Favorable Report by Appropriations; In the Senate - Hearing 3/23 at 1:00 p.m.

SB0476 HB0580

Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act

By: Senator Guzzone

Legislation to support mental health and substance use disorders providers is top legislative priority for nonprofit coalition.

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Important Dates - Post Session

- April 30th - Final Date for presentment of bills to Governor
- May 30th - Governor to sign/veto bills by this date
- June 1st - Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect
- July 1st - Budgetary, tax, and revenue bill to take effect
- October 1st - Usual effect date for bills



I hope you have found this information insightful as both the County Council and Delegation continue advocating on behalf of Howard County. Consider lending your voice to our legislative process and please feel free to share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors to help me in my goal to create an informed citizenry.

All the best,

